

NCCBG Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: 05.29.20



Executive Director Update - May 29, 2020

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Good Morning:

The last weekday in May, it is hard to believe. Our world has changed so much in the past two months. We've been forced to adjust and adapt, and everyone is more vigilant to the social and business conditions that surround us.

Thankfully, we've been allowed to reopen in Phase II under the same restrictions as restaurants. As mentioned in a previous note, both NCDHHS and the Governor's office worked with us to reopen in a manner that will help safeguard public safety and health. Early reports indicate we're doing a good job informing the public of our required guidelines, and that our efforts are appreciated. Let's keep focused and set an exemplary example. This is especially important since the COVID-19 statistics have been trending in the wrong direction for the past few days.

Other News:

- The Brewers Association Impact Survey closes today: Please take a moment to complete and have our voice heard. This information is used in our legislative efforts, both locally and nationally, and bolsters our requests for relief.
- National Relief Efforts: The U.S. House passed the Heros Act (aka CARES Act II) stimulus package. The \$3 trillion includes \$1 trillion in aid to state and local governments, \$200 billion in "hazard pay" for essential workers, another round of individual stimulus checks, and easing of the PPP timeframes. The Senate is expected

- to take up the bill when they return in June. President Trump has indicated that it is dead on arrival in its present form. Bottom line is more help is coming, but when and what forms it will take still remains to be seen.
- State Relief Efforts: HB 536 was combined with HB 902 (opening bars, private clubs, and expanding outdoor seating for restaurants and breweries) and passed both the State Senate 42-5 and the House 65-53. It went to the Governor yesterday and based on the current COVID-19 trends in NC and comments at his press conference yesterday, a veto of the bill in its current form is expected. It doesn't appear the votes are there to override the veto. Stay tuned.
- NCCBG Allied Member Town Hall: A reminder to our Allied Members... we are having a Town Hall meeting on Monday, June 1 at 4pm. We will cover the state of the craft beer industry and answer your questions regarding the Guild and our future educational events. Pre-registration is required, so make sure to REGISTER HERE!

Let's stay the course, and continually strive to elevate our industry. Take care of your employees, your customers and yourselves. Have a great weekend.

Please keep us posted on what is going on either by reaching out to me with your questions, richard@ncbeer.org, or sending consumer related information to promotions@ncbeer.org

UPDATES AND RESOURCES

https://www.ncdhhs.gov/es/divisions/public-health/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-response-north-carolina/nc-updates

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019

https://www.brewersassociation.org/brewing-industry-updates/coronavirus-resource-center/https://ncbeer.org/covid-19.php

